

REMARKS

The specification has been amended at various places to associate sequence identifier numbers (SEQ ID NO:) with each amino acid residue sequence discussed in the specification. The specification also has been amended to cross-reference the parent PCT application.

Claim 1 has been amended to add sequence identifier numbers and conform the language of the claim to U.S. claiming practice. Claims 3-15 have been cancelled without prejudice and replaced by new claims 16-33 to conform the claims to U.S. claiming practice.

No new matter is added by these amendments. An early action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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